

## **2005 Neighborhood Curb/Sidewalk Matching Program**

The City of Terre Haute is providing funding in the amount of \$25,000 for the 2005 Neighborhood Curb/Sidewalk Matching Program.

### **Program Highlights**

1. Open to all commercial, institutional and residential properties including owner occupied and rental.
2. The City will provide \$1,000 maximum matching contribution toward improvements for mid-block lots; \$2,000 maximum matching for corner lots.
3. City of Terre Haute will fund 100% of needed corner wheelchair accessibility ramps for approved applications.
4. The City of Terre Haute will fund 100% of needed tree removal in association with sidewalk work.
5. Priority will be given for more than five properties in a block participating in the program.
6. Sidewalks rated #7 or worse (see sidewalk pamphlet) are eligible.
7. Applications must be submitted by April 30, 2005 and will be considered in the order received until all funding has been committed.

### **How the program works**

1. Once an application has been received the City will send a construction estimate within fourteen calendar days of the receipt of request.
2. The resident will be required to make a check payable to the City of Terre Haute in the amount of 50% of the construction cost prior to May 31, 2005. This cost will be clearly identified in the construction estimate mailed to the resident and shall not include fees for tree removal or corner handicap accessible ramps.
3. The City will select a contractor for the work through the public bid process.
4. Once the application has been approved and the City has received funds from the resident the City will complete the construction within the 2005 calendar year.

COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IN FULL AND RETURN TO:

Neighborhood Matching  
Curb/Sidewalk Program 2004  
Terre Haute City Eng. Ofc. Rm. 200  
17 Harding Ave.  
Terre Haute, IN 47807

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS WHERE WORK WILL BE DONE \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

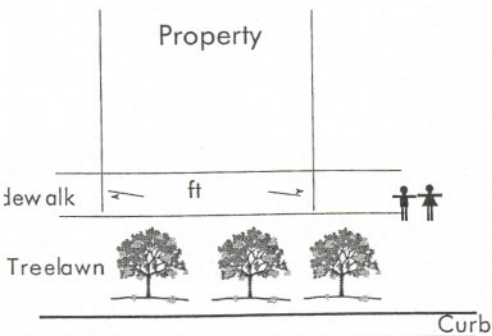
DAYTIME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

Please check the type of improvement or replacement you wish to make and indicate the amount of footage from the property line to the property line:

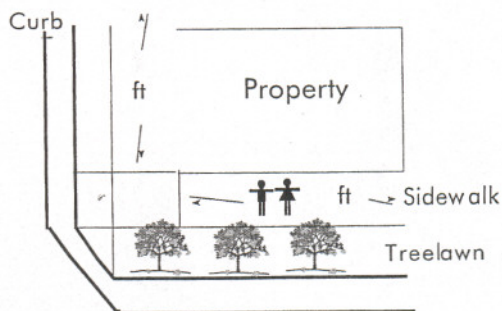
SIDEWALK ONLY \_\_\_\_\_

CURB ONLY \_\_\_\_\_

COMBINATION CURB AND SIDEWALK \_\_\_\_\_



☐ I LIVE ON A MID BLOCK LOT



☐ I LIVE ON A CORNER LOT



## Frequently Asked Questions

**Q) What is the procedure for sidewalk replacement by the City?**

A) First, you would need to call the City Engineer's office at 232-4028 and file a complaint with the sidewalk inspector. The inspector will then perform an on-site inspection, rating the sidewalk from 1 to 10, according to the rating system on the inside right flap. The inspector then compiles a prioritized list of sidewalks that are most in need of repair and then issues work orders to replace the sidewalks.

**Q) What is the rating system used to determine sidewalk quality?**

A) See the inside right flap.

**Q) A tree in my tree row is causing root damage to my sidewalk. How do I make a request for that tree to be removed?**

A) If you believe a tree is causing sidewalk deterioration, contact the City Forester at 232-2727, to schedule an inspection.

**Q) I pay property taxes. Why can't I get my sidewalk fixed?**

A) Unfortunately, requests for sidewalk repair far exceed the funding available. Because of this, an objective rating system has been developed so that limited funds can be directed to the sidewalks most in need of repair. In addition, repair is not funded in any way by local property taxes, but primarily by state cigarette tax.

**Q) Can I fix my own sidewalk?**

A) If you wish, you may independently hire a contractor to replace your sidewalk. The contractor must be licensed with the City to work within the right-of-way and should contact the City Engineers office to coordinate work.

## Quick Facts

- There are approximately 500 miles of sidewalks within the City of Terre Haute.
- Average sidewalk replacement costs about \$20 per foot, or about \$106,000 per mile.
- Properly maintained, a sidewalk can easily last 50 years or more. There are still many miles of quality sidewalks in the City that were constructed prior to World War II.
- Preventative and proactive maintenance is the best way to keep the public safe and the sidewalk aesthetically pleasing.

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?  
PLEASE CONTACT US:

### Department of Engineering

Terre Haute City Hall  
17 Harding Avenue, Suite 200  
Terre Haute, IN 47807

Phone: 812-232-4028  
Fax: 812-234-3973  
Email: [engineering@cityofterrehaute.com](mailto:engineering@cityofterrehaute.com)

**Attention: City Sidewalk Inspector**

### Parks and Recreation Department

Terre Haute City Hall  
17 Harding Avenue, Suite 208  
Terre Haute, IN 47807

Phone: 812-232-2727  
Fax: 812-234-7636  
Email: [dir@THCityParks.com](mailto:dir@THCityParks.com)

**Attention: City Forester**

# TERRE HAUTE SIDEWALK CARE AND MAINTENANCE





## Sidewalk Care Tips

To ensure the maximum life of the sidewalk in front of your property, the following actions are recommended:

### General Maintenance

- Grass and weeds surrounding sidewalks and within the joints should be removed to prevent concrete deterioration.
- Make sure no storm water is continuously discharged over a public sidewalk. Any standing water on a sidewalk can also promote decay.
- Avoid the planting of trees with invasive root systems. If you are unsure about what to plant, the City Forester can assist you in selecting an appropriate species.
- Any dirt or mud build-up should be swept away.
- Never park on sidewalks or in tree rows.

### Winter Maintenance

- Snow and ice removal is strongly encouraged.
- Salts and ice melting compounds are strongly discouraged - these chemicals cause concrete deterioration.
- Use a light sprinkling of sand in place of salts to prevent ice build-up.



**Figure 1:** This sidewalk was rated a #8. This sidewalk has some surface cracking, but is still structurally sound. With continued maintenance, this sidewalk will remain attractive and safe almost indefinitely.



**Figure 2:** This sidewalk was rated a #5. The sidewalk has some surface damage and grass is growing through the cracks. This sidewalk can still be safe if corrective maintenance action is taken. Grass and dirt should be removed by the homeowner immediately.



**Figure 3:** This sidewalk was rated a #1. Removal of this tree will be necessary before a new sidewalk is installed.

## Sidewalk Rating System

- 10 No apparent problems
- 9 Cosmetic problems only
- 8 Some cracking, still structurally sound
- 7 Heavily cracked
- 6 Heavily cracked & grass growing in cracks
- 5 Heavily cracked with missing surface pieces & separation
- 4 Up to two inch elevation difference with missing pieces - (partially passable by a wheel chair)
- 3 Two to four inches of elevation difference with missing pieces - (impassable by a wheelchair)
- 2 Four to six inches of elevation difference with missing pieces - (impassable by a wheelchair)
- 1 Six or more inches of elevation difference with missing pieces - (impassable by a wheelchair)